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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2006 and is being timely submitted on or before the three month shortened statutory period of November 23, 2006.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with this filing, however, if fees are due, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any overpayment associated with this application, with the exception of the issue fee, to Deposit Account No. 13-3900.

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the Office Action is respectfully requested.